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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 16, 2000

APPLICATION OF

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE970766

For certificates of public convenience and necessity authorizing transmission lines in the Counties of Bland, Botetourt, Craig, Giles, Montgomery, Roanoke and Tazewell: Wyoming-Cloverdale 765 kV Transmission Line and Cloverdale 500 kV Bus Extension

ORDER EXTENDING DATE FOR COMMENTS

On October 2, 2000, the Report of Howard P. Anderson, Jr., Hearing Examiner, was filed with the Clerk of the Commission and October 23, 2000, was set as the date for filing any comments. On October 6, 2000, Protestants Bland County Board of Supervisors, Alliance for the Preservation and Protection of Appalachian Land, Inc., and Citizens United to Protect Tazewell County, Inc., moved for an extension of the filing date from October 23 to November 6, 2000. According to the Protestants' motion, counsel to the Commission Staff and to all other protestants participating in the case do not oppose the requested extension. On October 10, 2000, Appalachian Power Company filed a response opposing the extension.

The Commission will grant the motion. The Commission is mindful of Appalachian Power Company's concerns about delay in

the final disposition of its application. The Commission is fully aware of the significance of the proposed facility to Virginia, and we will begin our review of the record and deliberations upon the filing of comments.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT the Protestants' motion be granted and that the date for filing any comments be extended to November 6, 2000.